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Dear Ms. Combs,

Further to my review of your Information Disclosure Statement (attached), I find that you have listed several patents and applications which look to me to be quite remote from the subject matter. On the other hand, you have omitted what I believe to be the closest prior art to the referenced Brinker application: US 5,922,378, "Water Filtration Vessel", of which I am a co-author. This latter patent describes a water filtration / supplementation vessel in which the water is filtered and then supplemented (as is the case in the Brinker application).

I trust that you will issue an amended Information Disclosure Statement to the USPTO which includes the US 5,922,378 patent.

If you have any questions I am happy to be of service.

Sincerely,

  
Ian Solomon



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**PATENT**  
**Docket No.: 482.146A**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

**EDWARD B. RINKER, et al.**

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, a list of references is submitted on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A for consideration by the Examiner in the examination of the above-identified patent application. Pursuant to the PTO's waiver of the requirement to provide copies of cited US Patents, copies of the US Patents listed are not provided.

The full consideration of the references in their entirety by the Examiner is respectfully requested and encouraged. Also, it is respectfully requested that the references be entered into the record of the present application and that the Examiner place his or her initials in

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Respectfully submitted,

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